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SUBJ: VISIT OF CHILEAN NAVAL TRAINING SHIP ESMERALDA

1. DURING MY CONVERSATION APRIL 8 WITH NAVY COMMANDER AND MEMBER OF MILITARY JUNTA ADMIRAL JOSE MERINO, HE ASKED ME IF I COULD OBTAIN AN OPINION FROM WASHINGTON RE PROPOSED VISIT OF CHILEAN NAVAL TRAINING SHIP ESMERALDA TO US.

2. THE ESMERALDA HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO CALL AT SAN FRANCISCO, BUT CHILEANS IN SAN FRANCISCO HAD RECOMMENDED THAT IT NOT COME, BECAUSE OF DANGER OF HOSTILE LOCAL REACTION, POSSIBLE ATTACKS ON MIDSHIPMEN, AND OTHER EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS. ADMIRAL WONDERED WHETHER WE SHARED BELIEF THIS WAS LIKELY. IF SO, HE WOULD HAVE ESMERALDA LIMIT ITS US CALLS TO HONOLULU, WHERE HE IMAGINED SUCH DIFFICULTIES WOULD NOT ARISE.

3. I SAID I WOULD REQUEST GUIDANCE. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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